



Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies News

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Coming Events

February 3-5, 2011 10 AM – 5 PM
Rocky Mountain Sew Expo
Denver Merchandise Mart
451 East 58th Ave.
Denver, CO

We will have a booth at this exciting event. In the past when we have participated in the Expo we have received a number of donations and made many contacts that became donors and/or volunteers. We will need a number of volunteers to work the booth. You do not need to work all day but only several hours one or more days. You will not be selling any items, only telling booth visitors about Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies. WHWB volunteers who work the booth will have free entry to the Expo and on-site parking is available. There are a number of free demonstrations you may attend if you are not working in the booth. Please contact Glenda Bredeson and let her know what time you will be able to work.

April 20, 2011
WHWB Volunteer Luncheon
Theme: Volunteer Magic
Location: Seventh-day Adventist Church
567 Bromley Lane
Brighton, CO

Final Craft Sale Recap

Glenda Bredeson, Donna Lantgen, Nancy Cochran and Frances Scott talked to many visitors and sold many items at Jefferson Country Fair Grounds the first weekend in December. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped craft the sale items, Theron Bredeson for assisting with booth set up and tear down and Richard Zwetzig for bringing lunch on Saturday.

We may have only participated in two craft sales this year but we earned enough money to buy about a year's worth of batting. In addition to earning cash we also received several in-kind donations and made a number of new contacts.

Please be thinking, and perhaps creating, so new and unique items for the crafts shows in November and December 2011. We sold a number of ornaments so we will have room for a few more.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Items of the Month

- ♥ Sleepers
- ♥ Undershirts
- ♥ 3T & 4T Clothing
- ♥ Pacifiers
- ♥ Bottles

Questions or comments please contact us:

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Note: The newsletter is posted on our website no later than the 5th of each month.

Introducing *Baby L*

Hi, I'm *Baby L*. That's short for Baby Layette. I want to share a story about a great group of men and women who created me. The volunteer for an organization called Warm Hearts~Warm Babies that sew, knit and crochet to help the needy babies of Colorado. These volunteers work so hard during the year to create, collect and distribute items to help an estimated 3,000 newborns each year. I'm so proud to have been created by this group that I'm bursting at the seams and can hardly wait to get to a lucky family with a new baby.

It might be hard for you to believe that I started as flat rectangles of fabric but I did. Some kind and talented folks helped mold me into what I am today, a bag stuffed with all kinds of neat baby things. When I left the cutting table along with a whole bunch of my rectangular friends we were taken to a workgroup meeting where we met some great people. Someone took us home to stitch up. Other volunteers took home fabric that had been cut into pieces that would become sleepers, pants, shirts, dresses, hats, toys and quilts. There were partially completed projects at the meeting also. One lady took home several large bags of sleepers and vests that needed snaps. I heard her say that she would really appreciate someone to help set snaps because the volume was getting to be more than she and her husband could keep up with. Someone else took some quilts to tie. There were lots of beautiful completed quilts, afghans, sweaters, caps, all kinds of clothes and toys too.

The completed items were going to be taken to a place fondly referred to as The Baby House. I heard that The Baby House is where all of the completed items go for a short stay. Baby House volunteers sort all of the donated items by size and gender. Every Tuesday a group of ladies get together and make up layettes or bundles of items requested by a variety of agencies like hospitals, pregnancy centers, social service agencies like visiting nurses, food banks and the occasional hospice. The reason my layette friends and I are bursting at the seams is that we are stuffed full of wonderful things. Just listen to all the items I'm going to be filled with. A quilt or afghan, two receiving blankets, several gowns or sleepers, two

t-shirts or onesies, two daytime outfits, two bibs, two burp cloths, a jacket or sweater, a hat, two pair of socks, a bottle, pacifier, a few diapers and wipes, a toy, baby soap/shampoo and baby lotion. If they are available a layette may even hold a sipper cup, bottle brush, safety devices, nail care set and a comb and brush set. Now you can understand one of the reasons I'm bursting at the seams. Not every child is lucky enough to receive a layette with so many wonderful handcrafted items.

The Warm Hearts volunteers don't let us layettes set around very long. Since layettes are created specifically to fill requests by agencies we are taken as soon as possible to the agencies so that we can be given to some very lucky little girls or boys and their families. I've heard that we layettes get many compliments by the staff at the agencies we are delivered to. I've also heard that some families can't believe there are so many talented people who willingly create and handcraft such beautiful items to babies they will probably never meet. I can't wait to meet my lucky family.



An example of the items that are included in a layette.

Volunteer News

New Volunteers

We wish to welcome the following new volunteer to Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies. We are so happy you have joined us.

Rhonda Grissom
Bev Hayse
Charlene Libby

Lillie Moore
Alice Shetler
Sylvia Tatro

Birthdays

Lyn Hente	Jan 01
Wendy Wade	Jan 01
Rita Scheel	Jan 03
Fern Fox	Jan 04
Judy Swens	Jan 04
Vivian Denton	Jan 05
D. Ashley Drahn	Jan 07
Stacy Krems	Jan 07
Judie Zedeck	Jan 07
Seung - Mee Oh	Jan 09
Kathy Moore	Jan 15
Phyllis Brindos	Jan 17
Shona Osborne	Jan 18
Paula Rogers	Jan 19
Pat Atchison	Jan 20
Dorothy Farner	Jan 20
Barbara Parsons	Jan 20
Ginger Bell	Jan 22
Jean Meigs	Jan 23
Roberta Ballard	Jan 24
Marguerite Cole	Jan 25
Donna Copeland	Jan 26
Marge Botuo	Jan 28
Ashley Skatberg	Jan 28
Deborah Ardila	Jan 29
Sally Hult	Jan 29
Irene Davey	Jan 30
Margit Rees	Jan 31

Our Deepest Sympathy

Richard Zwetzig – Brother-In-Law
Patricia Baker - Uncle

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Memorial Health System Foundation Colorado Springs
Inner City Health Center
Children's Hospital

To all the Volunteers of Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you so much for the donated items given to us while we were in the hospital. I had twin girls who stayed in the hospital for 3 weeks after delivery. We are all home now and doing great!

Thank you so much.

Dean, Cissie, Ashley, & Hailey

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies

Thank you for your dedication to provide essential items for new parents in need. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Vail Valley Medical Center OB Staff

Baby L Notes

- ♥ Help is needed to set snaps or affix other closures.
- ♥ Help is needed for delivering donations to agencies.
- ♥ WHWB can turn your old cell phones, PDAs, pagers and laptops into cash for our organization. You may turn items in to your workgroup coordinators or send them to the PO Box shown on the front of this newsletter.
- ♥ We also recycle used ink jet & toner cartridges for cash. You may turn items in to your workgroup coordinators or send them to the PO Box shown on the front of this newsletter.

Thank You To Our Donors

Individuals

Walter Amick - monetary donation
Rachel Baldus - hat and afghan sets
Naime Bishr - sweater, hat and afghan set
Nancy Boyd - patterns, yarn and embroidery kits
James Blair - hats, gloves, sweater, blanket and headbands
Sheila Evans - socks and booties
Lyons Family - monetary donation
Esther Mills/ Allan Service - monetary donation
Erin Murray - hats, pillows, toys, and blankets Joyce and Alton Newton - hats
Nancy Pallozzi - roll of fabric
Evelyn Ward - monetary donation

Groups

Academy Elementary School – clothing and other baby items
Greater Brighton Neighborhood Volunteers - gently used clothing
Immaculate Heart of Mary Knitting group - afghans, hats, and clothing
The Trails Knitting Group – hand knitted clothing and blanket, and misc. new and used baby items
Phlebotomy Learning Center of Denver - monetary donation

Corporations

Tantrums (Shelly Mason) - Generous donation of clothing, shoes, toys, etc.
The Daily Service Foundation – grant in honor of Ken Perryman

We greatly appreciate all of our donors and volunteers, without you our organization would not exist. Please know that if your name was left off our list it was unintentional and all of your efforts are valued and appreciated.

Delivery Report

In 7251 items were delivered to 24 agencies and 1 individual. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Avista Hospital
Bright Beginnings Metro Denver
Children's Hospital
Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center
Community LIFT Adventist Services
Denver Health Medical Center
Denver Human Services
Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank
Head Start Brighton
Inner City Medical Center
Jeffco Action Center
Life Choices Loveland
Life Support Center
One Nation
Platte Valley Medical Center
Presbyterian/ St. Luke's Medical Center
St. Anthony's Central
St. Anthony's Frisco
St. Augustines Food Pantry
St. Mary's Grand Junction
Texas Health Presbyterian
Third Way Center
University Hospital Mother/ Infant Unit
University Hospital NICU

Always needed items

- ♥ Newborn Boy Burial Items
- ♥ Newborn sleepers and gowns
- ♥ Sweaters, jackets and buntings
- ♥ Preemie gowns, onesies, outfits, and t-shirts
- ♥ Receiving blankets
- ♥ Gently used boys 3T & 4T clothing and pajamas
- ♥ Baby toiletries
- ♥ Bottles
- ♥ Pacifiers
- ♥ Diapers
- ♥ Wipes
- ♥ Baby friendly yarn
- ♥ Baby friendly interlock knits and ribbing
- ♥ Postage stamps
- ♥ Batting
- ♥ Polyfil

Monetary donations, checks made payable to Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies
P. O Box 1266, Brighton, CO 80601

SEASONAL PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Many of the items created for our layettes are made of the same weight fabric all year round. This schedule is an attempt to help the volunteers who make seasonal items such as fleece sweat suits or holiday themed garments plan their seasonal sewing so that it gets to the babies at the appropriate time. It often takes several months for items to move through our pipeline and into the completed layettes. Completed ready to use/wear items turned in at the beginning of month will usually be put into layettes and delivered at the end of the month. Those that need fasteners take another month or two before they make it into layettes.

January	February	March
<p>Cut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last of heavy fleece wear. ▪ First spring/summer outfits. <p>Stitch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last cold weather items ▪ Spring items <p>Turn in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valentines w/closures ▪ St. Pat's w/o closures 	<p>Cut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring/summer outfits (short sleeve versions) ▪ Light fleece outer/sleep wear <p>Stitch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring/summer items <p>Turn in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Pat's w/closures ▪ Easter w/o closures 	<p>Cut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring/summer outfits (short sleeve versions) ▪ Light fleece outer/sleep wear <p>Stitch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring/summer items <p>Turn in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easter w/closures ▪ Patriotic w/o closures

WORK GROUPS

Arvada Work Group: Meets 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Meets at the King of Glory Lutheran Church 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada (58th and Kipling-east door) Glenda: COLOKIDZ@aol.com. Bring a potluck dish, your machine and scissors.

Brighton Work Group: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Meets at Seventh-day Adventist Church, 567 Bromley Lane, Brighton; Contact Carol: chesneyc@aol.com Bring a dish to share at our potluck at noon.

Colorado Springs Work Group: January 15th at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr.. Contact Linda at: LWaxler46@aol.com for what to bring.

Flagler Work Group: For information please leave a message for Becky at 719-765-4657.

Georgetown Work Group: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Noon until ?

Kaiser Permanente & Friends Work Group: Arapahoe Road and Holly. For times and dates please contact Tammy at Tammy.Sabad@kp.org or 303-919-5413.

Lakewood Work Group: Meets at Helen's house in Bailey on the last Friday of the month, and at Kathryn's house in Lakewood on the third Thursday. Please contact Kathryn for dates and times of their next meetings at: info@warmheartswarmbabies.org.

Loveland Work Group: Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00am. Meet at: Church of the Nazarene 807 W. 29th St. Loveland. Contact Judy at our2pets@msn.com or Karen at the church: 970-667-4323 for more information.

We are always looking for work group coordinators in various areas around the state. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, let us know! You can find out more information on starting a meeting by visiting the Volunteer section our web site at: www.warmheartswarmbabies.org.